

Dear State CSBG Administrators,

Yesterday, House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) confirmed what has been implicitly understood on Capitol Hill... The House will not do a multi-year budget resolution this year and most FY 2011 spending bills won't see individual House floor action.

FY 2011 Budget: Rather than a formal multi-year budget resolution, House Majority Leader Hoyer stated that **House Democrats intend to move a one-year plan which "will set limits on discretionary spending that require further cuts below the President's budget."** And, with Hoyer stating the House won't do a budget resolution, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) has acknowledged that his committee-approved budget wouldn't see Senate floor action. As such, the Senate is likely to follow the House's lead in setting a top line discretionary spending number for this year's appropriations. **In addition to setting a spending cap, the House and Senate budget enforcement resolutions will direct committees to identify reforms to eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiencies within their jurisdiction.**

FY 2011 Appropriations: Concerning individual FY 2011 appropriations bills, **House Majority Leader Hoyer said he expects the House to consider "some of the bills" next month but indicated that many will probably be rolled into an omnibus later in the year.** Moreover, Hoyer has shared that House Appropriations Chairman David R. Obey (D-WI) would likely determine which spending bills move to the floor. Although the House usually tries to pass all of its annual appropriations bills separately, it has long been assumed that only a handful of spending bills will be considered before the election — both because of the late start to the appropriations process and the politically charged atmosphere surrounding federal spending this election year. **In any case, House Appropriations has scheduled subcommittee markups of Homeland Security and Energy-Water for this week.**

Plans for appropriations in the Senate are less clear. Appropriations Chairman Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) has not yet said when he will begin markups of individual bills, and much of the Senate's floor time in July is expected to be taken up with debate over the Supreme Court nomination of Elena Kagan.

(Source: Congressional Quarterly)

We will keep you informed as things progress.